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When Free Speech on Campus Becomes Clutter

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"The foundation of academic pursuit is the process of free inquiry, in which individuals may openly explore and express ideas," according to the IPFW policy. Use of this policy was prominently displayed recently all over campus as one group wrote messages in chalk along the sidewalks.

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Coffee Break

by Kim Coffey

Healthcare reform bill

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The health care reform bill that many people throughout America have been trying to wrap their heads around was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives March 21 and signed into law by President Barack Obama.

As stated in an MSNBC article dated March 22, "On the cusp of succeeding where numerous past congresses and administrations have failed, jubilant House Democrats voted 219-212 late Sunday to send legislation to President Barack Obama. Republicans were unanimous in opposition, joined by 34 dissident Democrats."

Though the bill has been constantly debated since it first began to be a possibility, many Americans still do not know even half of what the bill consists of.

"Costs will come down for families, and businesses, and the federal government, reducing our deficit by more than $1 trillion over the next two decades. That's what the reform is going to do," said President Obama, in a speech released by the Press Secretary March 25.

Myths have been flying around all over the place about the health care reform. Two of those have been that people will not be able to keep their private insurance and that the government will decide which doctor an individual will go to.

On the contrary, President Obama said about the health insurance reform at the Department of the Interior, "If you like your current insurance, you will keep your current insurance. No government takeover; nobody is changing what you've got if you're happy with it. If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor. In fact, more people will keep their doctors because your coverage will be more secure and more stable than it was before I signed this legislation."

Uninsured people have to carry large burdens. To those people, whitehouse.gov said "for the first time in history, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to simply tell you 'no.'"

Further, whitehouse.gov explained that coverage will have to be offered regardless of health - meaning children with pre-existing conditions will not be allowed to be denied and uninsured adults with pre-existing conditions will have access to a high-risk pool. Afterward, when the insurance exchange marketplace is running, no one will be up for denial based on their health status. In addition, rates will not be able to spike and insurance companies will not be able to drop people from their coverage when they are in need.

Also a reform that is suppose to begin in 2010 is that coverage for people under their parents' plan, if their parents choose, will be able to last until they are 26 years old. Therefore, many people living with their parents in their twenties will be able to be covered instead of going out and having to find their own insurance plan when they may not be financially able to do so. Though, it is unclear whether or not students who have already passed dependant age will be brought back on to their parents' health care or not.

In addition, "Along with health care legislation, the House approved a bill Sunday night that will remove private banks as intermediaries in the federal student loan process," according to a March 22 article from The Michigan Daily, further explaining that the loans would be taken from the financial aid offices, and that the money saved because of no fees to banks' Pell grants will be increased.

The bill, which is seemingly a mile-long document, has many other facts and figures that are important for Americans to learn about. Because of this, Obama keeps referring back to encouraging Americans to view the document themselves throughout his speeches. The bill can be viewed at whitehouse.gov.

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"No Burmese Allowed"

Ricker's Laundry Sign Causes Controversy in Fort Wayne Area

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"For sanitary reasons, there are no Burmese people allowed," at least that's what the sign said.

The sign was posted at Ricker's Laundry in Fort Wayne. Public protest and media response brought the sign down quickly. The employee who posted it was reprimanded and the owner publicly apologized to the Burmese community.

The people of Burma face challenges no matter where they go. In their homeland, the Junta has been accused of forcing people into slavery, destroying crops, and raising taxes to support a military state while limiting the availability of food and healthcare. When they flee to neighboring Thailand, their situation improves only slightly. Thailand has accepted the Burmese into refugee camps, but it's overcrowded and resources are scarce. The US provides home for some; as many as 6000 have settled in the Fort Wayne area. Life isn't easy here either.

With little more than a 3 day orientation on life in America, many of the refugees speak no English. They are shown how to apply for public assistance, placed in housing, and given employment opportunities, but learning local social mores takes much longer. The lack of understanding American culture and common social graces is what led to the Ricker's employee posting the sign in the first place. Some Burmese chew Betel-Nut and spit the red juice, which leaves stains, much like American men chew tobacco. New signs, in Burmese, posted throughout the store say "No Betel-nut" and "No Spitting."

Minn Myint Nan Tin, director of the Community Resource Center for Refugees, said in a phone interview that her agency is working with local social service providers to increase cultural awareness. A primary program would involve "Awareness Training [to let the] American community know who we are and why we're here," she said. They are also planning to teach the Burmese community some social "dos and don'ts."

weather rundown

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71°/51°	75°/52°	75°/51°	74°/44°	70°/47°	64°/46°	64°/45°

worldandcampus {News Brief}

The rundown on what is happening on campus and in the world this week

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Calling all Alpaca Fans

The Indiana Alpaca Institute [illegible] this year. The event is a [illegible] Coliseum. Hours [illegible] Friday, April 2 [illegible] and Saturday, April 3 [illegible] were [illegible] than [illegible] alpacas were [illegible] For more information, check out www.indianaalpacainstitute.com.

Get a job on April Fool's Day

Career Services will host the annual Summer Job & Internship Fair on Thursday, April 1, from [illegible] in the Walb Ballroom. Many [illegible] employers will be in attendance to conduct interviews with candidates. Career Services reminds that students dress their best and bring a resume.

Sustainably grown, local food at Holiday Inn

Advance Food service management students will serve up healthy, [illegible] Meal stop Grill at the Holiday Inn across from campus until the end of the [illegible] The course, called "Taste of Indiana from [illegible]," will be from [illegible] p.m. every Tuesday until April [illegible]

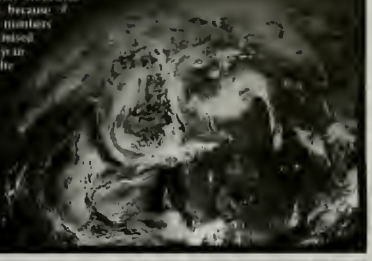
Check your statement

Fifth Third Bank, which operates locally in the Midwest and South, will issue select customers new debit cards. This is happening because of a security breach where some card numbers and expiration dates were compromised. If there are any unusual charges on your next statement, report them to the bank.

Jesus, Mission, Clothing Drive

The Big Heart Clothing Spring Clothing Drive is in full swing. Take your contributions of clothing, shoes and Walb main floor. The campus philanthropy drive will benefit the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. If you want to find out more information about this cause, contact the club at bigheartclothing@gmail.com.

-Compiled by Kelly McLendon



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▸ Free Speech
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Free Speech

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"I don't even read them," Dan Sherwood, IPFW junior, said. "I think pretty much anyone can do that... it goes along with the Freedom of Speech act." He's right, according to an IPFW statement. "Each individual may possess different ideas, as well as different ways of communicating those ideas, particularly in a community as varied and diverse as a university."

"They put a lot of work into that," Zachary Preuss, a first year student commented on the sidewalk writing. "...mostly they just hand out flyers." Throughout the campus, there are messages posted in every doorway, along every hall and in every lounge.

"I kind of ignore that stuff," student Patty Colgate admitted. Another student added that it always seems "overcrowded." One window had a posting for Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, IPFW Health Fair, Kyrou Tailoring, Campus Ministry, Charity Ilike Ride, Collision documentary, as well as campaign posters for student government candidates. That's just one window. It's not surprising that many students do not pay attention to them.

Some do pay attention, and think that "one religious perspective is overrepresented on this campus," one sophomore student said. "Too much I love Jesus crap posted all over the walls," she said, asking to be kept anonymous. According to the university's official policy "...the university seeks to develop and nurture diversity."

"IPFW is nurturing, but cautious," Preuss said. "Some events may not be advertised very well." He suggested that groups whose beliefs are not part of the main-stream are less likely to be seen advertising on the hallway walls. This may be true, but most students don't believe that it has anything to do with IPFW policy.

"Indiana is an industrial, less educated, more traditional state," one student claimed. "The majority of Fort Wayne is from the working class. This is a common source for strongly religious roots, beliefs and mindsets."

"I love Jesus" might be overrepresented compared to other messages on campus, but it is not overrepresented compared to the number of "In God We Trust" license plates in the parking lot.

IPFW policy says "[It] is committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person." Bringing together a variety of people on campus brings together a variety of beliefs and ideas. A full bulletin board is a good sign of open discussion, which the school says it wants to promote. The ideas presented should represent the people of the community. Colgate sums it up well, "We're a college, everybody has to realize that we are different people and have different opinions." The window may be crowded, but they'll make room for yours.

The Big Heart Goal

"Volunteering in the Fort Wayne Community"

By Hana Al Hawash
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You probably have not heard a lot about the Big Hearts Club until recently, but this hardworking, feel good club has definitely made noteworthy achievements over the last year and a half since its birth.

Matthew Bokhart, a senior Biology major, started this club on his own in order to help the disadvantaged in our city.

"I did a lot of work with Catholic charities, but I wanted something here at IPFW for all students to participate in," said Bokhart.

Currently the club is holding a clothing drive for the homeless shelter. Bokhart, along with his roommate, have given the drive a theme: fill their living room. The pair hopes that by the end of the drive on April 10 that their living room will be completely stuffed with clothes.

"The great thing about being a member is that you can suggest ideas for volunteer work for the entire club..."

Last year, about a week into being official, the club adopted a family for Christmas. They donated over 100 pounds of food, and gave each of seven children, who are living with their injured and jobless grandmother, at least five toys. These are just two examples of what the Big Hearts Club is doing and they hope to do even greater things in the coming years.

"I am trying to get some good-will medical based trips next year to foreign countries for a team to go to a third world country for a week or two," said Bhokart.

Not only does the club look good on resumes, but Bokhart is working on getting some of the members involved in internships and shadows that suit their goals, career wise.

"The main reason we are here is for the student; I have a lot of medical contacts... I try to help students get internship and shadowing opportunities. I have placed about a dozen students in shadowing opportunities and I hooked up one physical therapist student with an internship in physical therapy," said Bhokart.

The great thing about being a member is that you can suggest ideas for volunteer work for the entire club to work as a team -- it is not just one person assigning activities.

"The largest benefit is that if you ever want to do a project, all you have to do is suggest it," said Bhokart.

The club has about fifty members and is looking for as many as possible. Anyone, any major can join, but they are especially interested in getting some activities set up for Education majors.

For further information, come to the next meeting which will be this Friday at noon in the Science Building, room G24.

The Stop Dating Show

By Wil Upchurch & Bernadette Gleeson
Writers

Why should I stop dating as a way to find a good relationship? What would you propose I do instead? It seems like you're encouraging an attitude towards dating (be yourself) rather than condemning dating altogether. Or are you saying just be friends first and let that naturally lead to a romantic relationship?
--Anonymous, New Mexico

This is a great question, and one that gets to the heart of our philosophy. "Stop Dating" doesn't refer to the social act of getting together with another human being to share a connection and an experience. In fact, we very much encourage that! Instead, we want people to recognize the power of words to shape their experiences, beliefs and expectations. The term "dating" carries the cultural baggage of decades of movies, songs, jokes and books filled with rules for behavior before, during and after a date. They're even "nice" enough to tell you everything you're doing wrong, selling the fiction that if you only change yourself enough then true love and happiness is right around the corner. Through all this, we come to imagine the "perfect date," and that promotes the tendency to compare every experience we have against this imagined ideal.

"...Focus on spending time doing things that you enjoy and sharing that joy with another human being."

We want to break through this linguistic anxiety that keeps people from appreciating genuine connections and expressing their authentic selves. That's why the full tide of our program is "Stop Dating: The Art and Science of Spending Time and Falling in Love." We want to encourage people to spend time together without attaching ends to a particular encounter. So stop creating or following rules, stop placing expectations and hanging on every word the other person says in order to label them or put them in preconceived categories. Stop playing back the tapes in your head of what you did right or wrong and how that may have affected the way they're thinking about you.

Instead, focus on spending time doing things that you enjoy and sharing that joy with another human being. It may go well, it may not, but you will have a clearer picture of that person if you focus your attention on "be"ing there with them, giving them your genuine attention rather than matching up their every move and word to the expectations you've constructed from the advice and experience of others (both fictional and real...come on, everyone wants a perfect Pretty Woman date, but you can't force it).

So by all means spend time with people you think there might be romantic potential with, and definitely be yourself. What we want to do is help you do both by tearing away the barriers created by the language of "dating" promoted by our culture's dating literacy. By doing so, we also hope that people will stop beating themselves up for the things they can't control, such as when, where and how they will make a connection with someone that has the potential to grow into something more.

Do you think the use of the terms "boyfriend" and "girlfriend" at such a fundamental relationship level provides a matrix for immature adult relationships? --Dean, Indiana

Thanks for the question Dean! One thing we try not to do is get in the way of people making decisions about what's best for them. That's why we give suggestions, not advice. When it comes to labeling the person you're in a relationship with, it's best to just make sure it's something both people are comfortable with. The trick, again, is to be careful of all the linguistic expectations created by specific terminology. We know of a couple who spent time together for over a year, but the day after they adopted the boyfriend/girlfriend terminology one of them ended the relationship! So whether you choose partner, significant other, boy/girlfriend, just be sure not to let the words get in the way of the connection.

Send your questions to wil@istopdating.com & bernadette@istopdating.com

Check us out on Facebook: The Stop Dating Show! or go to istopdating.com for podcasts.

For the love of traveling

Hi Hana, I heard that the more someone explores and experiences other cultures, the more someone learns about themselves and about their own culture. Traveling is my favorite hobby. I love visiting new cultures, seeing nature and experiencing new atmosphere. I have been traveling my whole life and I love it, thanks to my parents. They are both journalists and love to explore and learn new things.

I have three older sisters that all went their separate ways in life. My oldest sister lives in Bergan, Norway, the second oldest lives in Philadelphia and my youngest sister currently lives in Santiago, Chile. In December, I visited my youngest sister for her wedding.

We went to Patagonia sometime after the wedding and visited the national park Torres del Paine for four days. After hiking through that amazing park it got me really interested in hiking, so I found this book that tells about all these little unknown hiking trails all around Indiana. I live in Kendallville and there happens to be two trails right near where I live. I even found a really challenging trail in Huntertown. I think readers would be interested in theses trails. The book has every trail for each county in Indiana.

Thanks to Paul Housholder, a General Studies major at IPFW, for his contribution to the Travel Column. If you would like to talk about your passion for traveling or somewhere amazing that you have been, all you have to do is send your story to me via e-mail. For more info on Indianas hiking trails, visit http://acreslandtrust.org.

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For the Week

ARIES (Mar. 21 -April 20) You have done all you can to sort things out a personal level. Draw up contracts regarding your personal situation. You will learn a great deal from people with different cultural backgrounds. You're on to something tangible and need to act fast

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21) Look into joining groups that can give you hands-on advice about business. Hold on; your time will come. You need to enjoy the company of those who enjoy the same pastimes. Turn your present relationship around or start a new one.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Business and emotional partnerships will run smoothly. Situations in your personal life are moving a little fast lately. Don't push your luck with your boss. Don't be too quick to spend money.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date. Be diplomatic but stern. Finish overdue paperwork and catch up on letter writing and reading. Losses are likely if you get involved with uncertain individuals.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your leadership ability will enhance your reputation. Do not invest in ventures that only appear to be lucrative. This may not be the time to lend or borrow. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more conflict.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You will have a productive day if you organize yourself well at work. Don't use the interstate as a racetrack. Don't let your partner get you going. You are best to travel or attend lectures or seminars. Sign up for seminars that will expand your business awareness.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can utilize your versa tile mind and dazzle others with your speed and accuracy. Make love, not war, and all will be fine. Unexpected romantic connections can be made if you go out with friends or take a pleasure trip. Changes to your self image will be to your benefit as long as you don't over pay.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Try to be understanding. Your self esteem will come back if you take part in organizational functions that allow you to be in the lime light. Your added discipline will enable you to complete some of those unfinished projects. You'll be angry if those you live with aren't pulling their weight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec 21) Find out exactly what's expected of you and you'll be surprised to find out how capable you are. A day at the beach may satisfy the whole family. Find an outlet for any mounting frustration. Consider a creative hobby. Do not give your heart to someone who may not live up to your standards.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Rewards for past good deeds will be yours. This could be the cause of a dispute that may result in estrangement. Travel will be most enticing. Consider a cruise. Entertain in your home and make aesthetic enhancements that will please those who reside with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Take your time and try not to overload yourself. Put your time and energy into home improvement. You must be careful not to ignore the needs of the youngsters in your family. Your accomplishments could exceed your expectations if you mix a little business with pleasure.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You can convince others to follow suit. It's time to make professional changes. You will be popular with acquaintances; however, loved ones could feel left out and insecure. You'll only hurt your lover if you don't.

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Taste of Indiana: From Farm to Fork

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Many students at IPFW that do not live at home are used to breakfasts of Reese cups and Gatorade, lunches of Taco Bell or some other pre-packaged snack and dinner can usually be summed up to four word recipes: add water and microwave. Most students from Indiana or the surrounding area have had home-cooked meals before, but maybe not in the sense of everything used for the meal being directly from farms in Indiana.

If you are tired of Taco Bell and Ramen and would like to try a home style meal made from the best and freshest Indiana ingredients, try a night out at the Mastodon Grill, a restaurant ran in full by ten IPFW students in the Advanced Food Service Management class. These students have planned a themed menu, created a budget and business plan, marketed the series and they also manage the restaurant. On top of this, one of the students cooks all of the meals and Kaitlin Shifley, a hospitality and tourism management student, is in charge of marketing.

"There are only ten students but people dropped the class, so there are only ten of us in charge. The first week we just talked about it, but then after that we actually had to get the ball rolling. We had some general guidelines, but other than that... it was all us. This is us running a full-service restaurant," said Shifley.

The students have set up and put into action a serious restaurant; you walk in the Holiday Inn restaurant hall and you are greeted by a hostess and sat down. A waiter serves you just like any other restaurant and students are even accepting tips.

The menu is themed around the idea of farm to fork, which is the idea of the ingredients being from farms in Indiana. People are becoming more concerned with traceability of the ingredients in their food, so the idea is to keep everything fresh and local. What you would find on the menu are meals that you might find on your mom's kitchen table.

The Mastodon Grill will be open for business every Tuesday evening until April 20th from 5:30-10 in the Holiday Inn on Coliseum. IPFW students receive a 15% discount and staff/faculty gets 20% off -- prices range from $ 7.99-$17. The public is also welcome, so call for a reservation or further inquiries at 260-482-3800.

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

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"We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold..." As Dr. Hunter Stockton (yes, Stockton) Thompson begins to list the staggering amount of drugs carried in a briefcase in the trunk of his red Chevy convertible, the reader begins to wonder exactly what they're in for. A very similar effect happens to a viewer of the movie version. No matter which way it's taken in, Dr. Hunter S. Thompson's eccentric masterpiece, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* takes a person on a drug-fueled trip to the brink of insanity alongside Raoul Duke (Thompson himself) and Dr. Gonzo (Thompson's lawyer)as they paint Las Vegas an interesting array of psychedelic colors while chasing the American (and Samoan) dream. Those who have read the book or seen the movie will know that's a very loose and much cleaner version of what really happens. Those who have read the book and seen the movie will hopefully have noticed how closely the movie mirrors the book. This movie is as direct a translation as possible from the book. It is actually possible to watch the movie while following along loosely with the book in hand.

Thompson's stream of consciousness writing is the fuel and basis for his gonzo journalism—pure, unabashed, raw writing that puts his readers in the center of his eccentric brain as well as in the center of the muck and the action. In *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, he introduces his readers to a world they may not have otherwise known. In another of his many books, he brings the readers into the world of the Hell's Angels. Thompson has an unquestionable talent for transporting his readers into another world. He's very similar to a drug—once you read one of his books, you just want more.

With the movie, Johnny Depp's on-target portrayal of Duke/Thompson continues to usher new generations of innocent movie goers in to an insanely perverse and psychedelic world. The supporting cast of Benicio del Toro as Dr. Gonzo and Christina Ricci as Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds (seriously, you can't make this stuff up) shows a world of drug-induced insanity that has only been preserved due to the recording machine Thompson carried across his body. It's recorded in the book as a verbatim transcript from the original tape. This is what Thompson brought to the world—he was brave and crazy enough to try things and tell the rest of us about them. Keep in mind, everything he showed us in *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* didn't even kill him. This true story is incredible, whether learned by movie or by book.

Artist Spotlight

Mike Schaffner

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Upon first meeting him, Mike Schaffner seems to be fairly quiet and reserved. However, when he opens up, he's a relaxed, easy-going guitarist who loves to read. Schaffner plays in Pretender/Contender, a band made up of three IPFW students formed in September of 2009. They write and perform their own songs and are cunently in the process of recording a five-song album. The other members are Lucas Carter (on bass and vocals) and Ryan Harvey (on drums). After five long months, they were able to play their first concert at a skate park in Muncie back in February. They somehow managed to fit all their equipment in Schaffner's Jeep Cherokee for the trip down, but at some point, the Jeep's back window broke. Their next show is April 17; it's Record Store Day in Muncie.

Despite only having three members in the band, Schaffner says they sound "pretty full." They are, however, considering adding another guitarist. Schaffner has been playing guitar for five years, but adding another guitarist would give him a chance to work more with the tapping style he recently began experimenting with. Schaffner says he would like to play music professionally, but for now it's more of a hobby. Schaffner describes Pretender/Contender's style as indie-progressive and lists two influences as Native and This Town Needs Guns. Native is a band from northwest Indiana. Schaffner listens to their music because he likes their style—"a lot of tap guitar," which is what Schaffner has recently been starting to learn. When they write, Schaffner focuses on the guitar part, while vocalist Carter works on lyrics. In the mad rush in preparation for the recording of the five-song album, Carter and Schaffner sat down and "hammered out the lyrics."

Schaffner is a secondary education major and hopes to teach English after he graduates. He said he wouldn't mind teaching at his old high school, Heritage, because he really enjoyed his time there. He definitely wants to try to stay in the Fort Wayne area, but knows he'll follow his career wherever it takes him. He settled on English because he likes it better than math or science and enjoys reading.

"Yea—I read a lot," Schaffner says laughing. He enjoys reading Stephen King and Dean Koontz. When asked is he had ever wanted to write a novel, he mentioned starting quite a few things, but then always leaving them very unfinished. "I've always toyed around with it," Schaffner admits.

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ROBIN'S REVIEWS

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Photo by www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca

Artist: The Weakerthans
Album: *Live At the Burton Cummings Theatre*
Label: Epitaph
Release Date: March 23, 2010
Sounds Like: One of the smoothest live recordings that I've ever heard.
Rating: 4/5

As far as live albums go, a tendency to avoid them is prevalent. This album, however, sounds crispy in every way.

The songs on this album do not run together with obnoxious screams from the crowd, though they are there, they do not come off as overbearing. Even if you are not familiar with the repertoire of the band, this is an enjoyable album. The songs follow a solid progression and to put oneself in the place of seeing this as a concert, it lends to an enjoyable live experience.

The recording itself is very well mixed and doesn't sound simply like the audio was taken directly from the event. If, however, it was taken directly from the event, The Weakerthans have live shows down to a science because it is nearly seamless.

Familiar or not with the band's material, this album is worthwhile for just about every musical taste out there. The lead singer's voice is smooth and rarely whiney, the music is not too light or heavy, and it refrains from becoming boring.

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Campus Event Overview

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STUDENT HEALTH FAIR 2010

The IPFW Health fair, where different organizations (health organizations) such Wal-Mart, IPFW pharmacy club and others, took place in Walb Union on Wednesday March 24. There was a section were a delicacy (Chicken Provencal) was prepared by Chef Nick Perry, as well as free massages given by the therapeutic massage group. Students who received a free massage, like James Shaw, stated "It was like rebirth, just sitting there and forgetting all sorrow and worries". Also a representative from the Gates center was there to help check your body fitness. There was also free food like popcorns, fruit smoothie, and a sign above a barrel of drinks saying "Skip the vending machine, eat less fat". There were other benches where they check the effectiveness of your hearing ability and the sensitivity of your palm. The event was a success as I could conclude, most people were happy and anxious to discover some details about their body. Others were just happy about the free food and to socialize with others.

THE OPPORTUNITY BANQUET 2010

IPFW hosted its 7th opportunity banquet fair on Friday March 26. The event witnessed the presence of company representatives and officials. The event which was hosted primarily for the engineering students as a reception to meet potential company employers also had a large number of students in attendance. This year, Raytheon, General Dynamics, Zimmer along with several other companies graced the event. The event kicked off at about 4:30 p.m. with students being able to meet with the various reputable companies on either inquiry basis or for job employment. Then at about 7:30 p.m. dinner was served amidst chatting between company representatives and students at the table. This was followed shortly by a talk by the guest speaker Dr. Justin Sanchez. In general, students enjoyed the occasion. One of the students, Ralph Ndeitunga, described the occasion as an opportunity for success saying "I am glad I participaed in this event because it gave me a chance to partake in productive networking."

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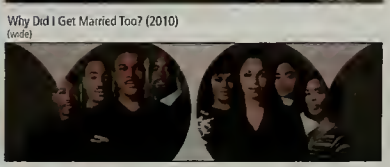

E-waste: *A Growing Problem*

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Cell phones are necessary in today's culture; nearly everyone carries one and it seems odd if you don't. Unfortunately, they are not meant to last, and getting the newer, better, more fashionable model is like updating your wardrobe: it happens every season. You might be glad to keep the same phone forever, but then it quits working. As a society, we are constantly replacing our techno gadgets and throwing out the old ones.

Electronic waste, or e-waste, refers to electrical or electronic devices that are thrown out because they are broken, obsolete or sometimes just surplus. These devices contain lead, cadmium, beryllium and bromine, which can cause health problems. Entire communities can be polluted when the metals leach from landfills. Even when they are recycled, there is a risk to those who handle the products.

E-Waste is a growing problem around the world as electronics become cheaper and easier to replace than to repair. These lower prices usually are paired with lower quality and that means shorter life spans. According to Greenpeace International, "Less than 20 percent of US e-waste is recovered for recycling. And, 80 percent of that is exported to China. Manufacturers produce the gadgets in China, and sell them in the United States. Consumers throw them out within a couple of years, and the United States ships them back to China as garbage. Other countries, such as India, and even a few in Africa are sometimes the recipients of these "recycled" electronics.

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To stop the pollution on our homeland, the US encourages recycling, and then exports the items. Some of the e-waste can be reused. Particularly, laptops can often be repaired and sold at a profit. But, countries must accept truckloads of unusable parts and pieces to get a few that can be repaired. Much of the exported e-waste ends up in huge piles in China where men work like miners, digging for gold, iron and other valuable minerals. The hammering, chiseling and ripping apart of electronics exposes the workers, and people living nearby to poisonous toxins.

"One clear solution is for the major electronics companies to eliminate the worst toxic chemicals from their products and improve their recycling programs," claims an article on the Greenpeace website. It does seem logical that the companies who have produced the electronics and created the never ending demand for the newest, coolest models should take the responsibility for the disposal of their "disposable" products. The cost would certainly be passed on to consumers.

Another option is to make consumers responsible for the disposal of the electronics that they purchase to begin with. This solution may cause consumers to think more about the quality and life expectancy of the products they buy, causing essentially, the manufacturers to make appropriate changes as well. It might also 5slow down the growing trend of buying a new cell phone to go with every season.

It might seem like a good idea for the US government to stop exporting e-waste, but the reality is that even then the consumers would bear the brunt of the expense and work involved in whatever new recycling program or legislation is enacted. Greenpeace suggests that Japan is leading the way in solving this global problem. "Japan has effective recycling legislation and Sony reports that it collects 53 percent of its old products in Japan. That's five times better than the global average for major PC makers and shows that solutions are already available."

The Bamboo U Line

Company produces environmentally friendly t-shirts

By Mi Tran
College News Network

From reusable bags to energy saving light bulbs and even biodegradable utensils, the eco trend is ever-evolving with new additions every day.

So why not wear shirts that help contribute toward the well being of our planet? Clothing company Bamboo U is doing just that with a clothing line targeted at women and college students. The Brentwood, Tenn.-based t-shirt company was started in 2008 by Jeff Fulmer, who wanted to start up a company with products that would be as environmentally friendly as possible.

Through some research, this is when he discovered bamboo and organic cotton as a means in making t-shirts and fell in love with the way the material felt.He thought the two alternative ingredients would make for a comfortable t-shirt. He also decided to focus his line on the female college student demographic. "We are geared to the college market because students are often more aware of environmental concerns and are open to trying new things," Fulmer said.

Child and adolescent studies major Eunice Kim supports and likes the idea of 'green' shirts. "I would get a shirt that contains organic materials because we're giving back to the environment," Kim said.

The shirt is made from 70 percent bamboo and 30 percent organic cotton and printed with water-based inks. Bamboo is the fastest growing plant on the planet and is considered an environmentally safe product. It contains no chemicals, requires only water to grow and is self-regenerating.

There are many advantages to sustainable clothing. All of the materials used in sustainable clothing are made from sources that are renewable, recyclable and chemical-free. Regular clothing can contain materials that were manufactured or produced with pesticides and toxic chemicals.

Along with clean and pure standards regarding material, strong moral work ethics are high on the list for Fulmer and his company. Before deciding on a supplier for Bamboo U, he did research on potential companies to make sure that the factories were in good condition and that employees worked in a safe environment.

Elizabeth Hesson, a biology major and member of the Cal State Fullerton Environmental Advocacy Committee, is big on cutting back on waste. She buys only biodegradable products and recycling paper. She also thinks students on campus would be on board with the idea of sustainable clothing.

"It's great, as long as they're not growing excess products to make the shirts with. College kids would be into it. With all students, it's all about comfort," Hesson said.

Currently, the Bamboo U line is limited to only t-shirts, but Fulmer would like to expand his offerings to hoodies and yoga pants in the near future. For now, "we're a small clothing company and we want to focus on good quality things," Fulmer said. For more information on the clothing line, go to: Store02.prostores.com/servlet/bamboou/StoreFront.

Day of Silence at IPFW

Students go silent to bring attention to anti-LGBT acts

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IPFW will join with a nation-wide event called the Day of Silence on April 14. The Day of Silence, which began in 1996 and is normally recognized on April 16, has "become the largest single student-led action towards creating safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression," according to the official website, dayofsilence.org.

Students from middle school all the way up to college are offered a day of silence to bring attention to schools and other students anti-LGBT acts, whether by harassment, discrimination or otherwise.

According to Lambda Legal, "Under the Constitution, public schools must respect students' right to free speech. The right to speak includes the right not to speak, as well as the right to wear buttons or T-shirts expressing support for a cause, without discrimination based on the message the student is expressing."

Additionally, Lambda Legal also urges those who plan to participate in the Day of Silence to share intentions of silence with instructors prior to the event in order to avoid problems.

In turn, many students from IPFW are vowing to stay silent while on campus.

"Last year we had about thirty to forty active participants," said president of the United Sexualities, Andrew Stackhouse, though he said there are between fifty and sixty confirmed participants this year.

Stackhouse is also confident that more people will participate this year because it is being held on a Wednesday instead of the traditional Friday - meaning more people will be around campus.

As said on the "Day of Silence at IPFW" Facebook event page, created by United Sexualities, "On this day, the main goal is to wear something over your mouth to visually silence you." Suggestions are duct tape, a bandana, or any selection of written words.

"Visually silencing" people acts as a reminder to the people participating not to speak. Also, it allows others to see why they are not speaking and bring further attention to the event.

Also, if staying silent would pose a problem for some students, wearing red clothing or writing pro-LGBT things on their shirt would be a good way to still spread the message, said Stackhouse, who also mentioned that some people even display LGBT slurs as an act of protest against the discriminatory language and viewpoint.

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According to dayofsilence.org, on past days of silence, students passed out "speaking cards" that, along with an introduction to the reason for the Day of Silence, read "My deliberate silence echoes that silence [of LGBT people], which is caused by name-calling, bullying and harassment. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What are you going to do to end the silence?"

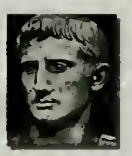
Additionally, the Day of Silence at IPFW will be concluded with a "Breaking the Silence" moment. That is where those involved can speak for the first time after participation in the event. Most commonly, the time is shared with guest speakers, dances or the like.

IPFW's Breaking the Silence moment will be held at 6:30 p.m. outside of Helmke Library. There will be a guest speaker and everyone "kind of congregates - it is a time for everyone to come together. We will definitely encourage dialogue as well," said Stackhouse.

Last year, passersby gave participants in the Breaking the Silence moment "weird looks, dirty looks. Some people said anti-homosexual slurs labeled at us, but no one got physical," said Stackhouse, adding that he would hope nothing violent would happen at IPFW because of the Day of Silence.

Following the Breaking the Silence, the movie titled "The Laramie Project" will be shown in CM 159. "The Laramie Project" is about Matthew Shepard.

Shepard was a young man from Wyoming who, in 1998, was severely beaten and ultimately died from injuries sustained in an anti-gay hate crime. Since his death, his parents - Dennis and Judy Shepard - have created the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which honors Matthew and tries to "replace hate with understanding, compassion and acceptance," according to matthewshepard.org.



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Jesus conquered death. Would you like to know what else he's capable of conquering in your life? Read the section called "John" in the Bible, or see the feature article BEYOND BLIND FAITH at www.EveryStudent.com.

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Track team breaking records

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Track: Pictured is senior Sara Branam, who holds the previous IPFW record in the hammer-throw.

The IPFW track and field has been on a heartrending low the past few years, but with solid statistics, the team has set their sights higher than before.

With four full time field members, (a.k.a. "throwers") the participation has jumped almost 100 percent from last year.

"This year we have one returning member (Sara Branam,) a transfer (Courtney Brown) and two walk-ons." (Courtney Trout and Kierstyn Jones) said Trout, who placed 22nd in the javelin.

During the first meet of the spring season in Cincinnati OH, the high goals of the track and field team were able to be accomplished and already, higher goals were set. In all, the team was able to finish with seven top-five finishes and the two school records.

Senior Sara Branam concord the previous IPFW record in the hammer-throw with a 166 feet 7 inch toss. The previous record was set at 141-4 by Nicole Crone in 2004. Branam finished fourth at the meet.

Sophomore Courtney Brown was the second to set a record for the meet in the weight throw and indoor discus. She threw a 144-9, over ten feet further than the previous record of 134-B, set by Hayley Boling in 2006.

"Our goal is to break at least two records at every meet. We were able to do this in the first meet and intend to from now on." said Trout. "The indoor season was rough with injury and sickness, but we are all back and ready to go for the outdoor season."

Moving on the track running events, Felicia Mondry and Annina Gruber placed first and second in the 3,000- meter run with times of 11:31.B3 and 12:00.32.

Sophomore Katy Morre placed second in the high jump, just missing the IPFW record leaping a 5-2.25, and sophomore Whitney Lane placed third in the triple jump springing 34-11.75.

For more information on the IPFW women's track and field team, please go to www.gomastodons .com The next meet will be this coming Saturday in West Lafayette.

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60 Second Sports Report

March Madness 2010, Part 2

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In the first weekend of March Madness we seen a bunch of upsets and some classic games. In the second weekend there were fewer games but the games were just as good, possibly even better.

On Thursday the sweet sixteen started in the West with No. 5 Butler upsetting No. 1 Syracuse 63-59. Syracuse could not overcome the early deficit that Butler put them in. Then No. 2 Kansas State survived two overtimes to beat No. 6 Xavier 101-96, this was a classic back and forth game that saw Xavier's even with Jordan Crawford career day come up just short. In the East No. 1 Kentucky dominated No. 12 Cornell 62-45 ending their Cinderella story and No. 2 West Virginia handled No. 11 Washington 69-56, Oe'Sean Butler and company was just too much for the Huskies, who were playing very well.

On Friday in the Mid-West No. 5 Michigan State knocked out No. 9 Northern Iowa 59-52, in the second half State's defense and offense stepped up to stop the high rolling Panthers. Then No. 6 Tennessee knocked off No. 2 Ohio State 76-73, in another classic towards the end of the game Tennessee made a two pointer putting them up by one, then got a steal causing Ohio State to foul. Tennessee made both free throws going up by three with 13 seconds remaining. Evan Turner who had 31 points tried to force up two shots and on the second one he was blocked. In the South No. 1 Duke held off No. 4 Purdue 70-57, IN the second half Purdue's defense went away causing them the game and No. 3 Baylor took apart No. 10 St. Mary's 72-49.

On Saturday it was the start of the elite eight. The battles to get to the final four were highly intense. It started out in the Mid-West with No. 5 Butler once again shot the ball lights out to upset No. 2 Kansas State 63-56, Butler held Kansas State's top two scorers to two total points. In the East No. 2 West Virginia held off No. 1 Kentucky to win 73-66, In the final four and a half minutes Kentucky came back as West Virginia only scored 14 free throws but the comeback was too little too late.

On Sunday in the West No. 5 Michigan State beat No. 6 Tennessee 70-69, in a another classic game from this tournament, Michigan State's Raymar Morgan scored a free throw with two seconds left to take the lead and missed the second one on purpose, then Tennessee's J.P. Prince missed the half court buzzer beater. In the South No. 1 Duke survived against No. 3 Baylor to win 78-71, in the second half Duke's offense went off helping them pull away late.

This sets up the Final Four with matchups in Indianapolis, the first game will be on Sunday with No. 5 Michigan State from the West region taking on No. 5 Butler from the Mid-West region. After that game is over it will be No. 2 West Virginia from the East region taking on No. 1 Duke from the South region. The winners from these two games will battle it out for the NCAA championship on Monday April 5th at 9 p.m.

Stay tuned next issue for March Madness Part 3 reviewing the Final Four and a ML8 preview.

For more of the 60 Second Report check out ipfwcommunicator.org

Volleydons unable to win

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Volleydons: Freshman Elon Fyfield had 12 kills in the match against the Loyola Ramblers.

With seven games left in the season, the Volleydons are trying to make a come-back to top off the year. This past weekend, the 'Dons took on the 12th ranked Loyola Ramblers and finished flat, 24-30, 30-27, 12-30, 24-30.

The first set opened in favor of the Ramblers as they jumped out to an early 6-2 lead, and the leader never changed as Loyola hung out and finished, 30-24.

IPFW's determination led them to a strong second set. With an early lead of 10-7, the Mastodons were able to hold the lead to win 30-27.

The third set was an eye opener as IPFW just couldn't do anything right. Toward the beginning, the 'Dons fought back and forth for the lead, but as the score hit 10-7 there was no looking back. IPFW finished with only 12 points; Loyola was easily about to obtain the lead. The final set was also owned by the Ramblers for the win.

Senior middle hitter Oli Kook took control of the match, slamming down the hammer at the net. He finished with 13 kills and a hand full of digs. Also shining for the evening was freshman Elon Fyfield (12) and Darryl Shank (11.) Shank also led the team in digs with 15.

The loss knocked IPFW to 9-12 overall and 2-6 in MIVA.

IPFW plays at home Friday April 2 taking on Penn State at 7 p.m. and April 3, IPFW will host Ball State. Both defeated IPFW previously in the season, so the pressure's on. The Mastodons will play tonight (Wednesday, March 31) at Lewis. Starting time is 8 p.m.

Fish Picks vs. Pea Predictions

10 Cubs at Braves (Series)
Fish: Cubs- Start out winning
Pea: Cubbies- This is the year

9 Magic at Spurs (Friday)
Fish: Magic- Superman to the rescue
Pea: Magic- Howard plays big

8 Lakers at Hawks (Wednesday)
Fish: Hawks- Upset Kobe
Pea: Lakers- Hawks slipping

7 Hawks at Cavaliers (Friday)
Fish: Cavaliers- Don't lose at home
Pea: Cavaliers- LeBron... If he wants

6 Blackhawks at Devils (Friday)
Fish: Devils- In a shootout
Pea: Blackhawks- Chicago has talent

5 Spurs at Lakers (Sunday)
Fish: Lakers- Late bucket by Kobe
Pea: Lakers- Kobe still at home

4 Magic at Mavericks (Thursday)
Fish: Mavericks- Kidd triple- double
Pea: Mavericks- Magic need boost

3 Cavaliers at Celtics (Sunday)
Fish: Cavaliers- Celtics struggling
Pea: Cavaliers- LeBron when he wants

2 Capitals at Penguins (Tuesday)
Fish: Capitals- Win again vs. BIG rival
Pea: Penguins- Crosby gets physical

1 Yankees at Red Sox (Series)
Fish- Red Sox- Take two from champs
Pea: Red Sox- Slow start for champs

Fish: (55-53) Pea: (62-46)

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March Madness Challenge

1. Lucas Fisher (57 pt)
2. Brandon Watson (52 pt)
3. Logan Fisher (50 pt)
4. Logan Pea: (43 pt)

Baseball squad looks to wake bats

Second half of season quickly approaching for Dons

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Baseball: Pictured is senior pitcher Matt Antos, who had a record of 1-4 with an ERA of 10.10 in the 2010 season.

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Nearly halfway through the regular season for the IPFW baseball team, as you look down the win/loss column, you may find only two "W" marks scratched into a dirty scorecard. What you won't see, though, are two extra-inning heartbreak loses.. You won't see four Dons' batting above the .300 mark. You won't see that junior catcher/first baseman A.J. Christensen has belted five baseballs over the outfield wall; and what you definitely will not see, are the statistics that prove the tough swinging dons' are a dangerous team on the verge of a breakout.

Through twenty-two games, that have all been played on the road, the Dons' have put up very impressive numbers. Opponents have left twenty-three more players on base than IPFW has thus far, and the strong defensive Dons' have turned twenty-two double plays compared to twenty-one double plays turned on IPFW.

Along with the team leading five homers from Christensen, he is also leading the team in runs batted in, (RBI's) hits, and total runs. When it comes to drawing walks and being hit by pitches, the man who will get you on base is senior infielder Jordan Kohler, who has drawn eight walks on the season.

Conference play hasn't quite opened up yet, and for IPFW, breaking out before that time comes could be the best thing to happen this season. IPFW finishes up their twenty-three game road trip Wednesday night, March 31st at Butler. After the game, the Dons come home for six home games, presenting a great opportunity to pick up a few more wins. For all we know, the Dons are unstoppable at home!

IPFW will open up the homestand on Tuesday, April 6 for an afternoon double-header against Chicago State University. CSU has a record of 1-11 this season, and IPFW has a great opportunity to boost their confidence and really get this season rolling in style. After the Chicago State series, in comes South Dakota State University to open up conference play. The Jacks, by record, are slightly better on paper than CSU with a 10-6 record.

Then, the Dons' will welcome in-state rival Purdue University, then Oral Roberts University before heading back on the road May 7.

Get out to the baseball diamond while you still can! Cheer on the Dons' to victory and enjoy the game.

IPFW softball is bringing the heat

Wins, wins, and more wins

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In five games, the average team might give up somewhere around fifteen to twenty runs. The IPFW softball team looks to be anything but average. In the past five games for the Dons', who seem to have quite the pop in their bats lately, a combination of great pitching and defense led to opponents just scoring two runs in the past five games.

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IPFW has put up fifteen of their own runs in the past five games, and didn't give up any runs in a three game sweep at home against Centenary College over the weekend. I'm not sure what is more impressive; giving up zero runs against a conference opponent in three games, or giving up just four hits throughout that entire series.

Coming home to play some games must have really awoke the bats up for IPFW. Before the home stand, which the Dons' posted a record of 7-1, IPFW was giving up nearly five runs per game, and had a record of just 4-6. But now, the home stand has ended, and the hot Dons' must hit the road for a three game series at conference foe North Dakota State University, then back to the Hoosier State for a single game in Muncie, Indiana batting Ball State University.

After the short, and hopefully victorious road trip, IPFW comes back home April 9 to kick off a three game set versus South Dakota State University in another important conference match-up. Then it is Western Michigan, Oakland, and Detroit all visiting before that home stand wraps up April 20. At that time, hopefully, the hot streak will still be going, and the wins will keep on racking up for the Dons'.

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Softball: Pictured is junior catcher Kristina Karpun, who is ranked fifth in career home runs at IPFW.